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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Weiss *et al.*
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For : MULTIPOTENT NEURAL STEM CELL COMPOSITIONS
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Boston, Massachusetts
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This amendment is in response to the October 12, 1999, Office action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a two month extension of time, together with a check for \$435.00 to cover the fee (small entity) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants also enclose a Notice of Appeal, along with the required fee. With the extension, these documents are due April 12, 2000. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference 17810-705; CTI-N5 DIV12).

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 34 and 61-62 as follows:

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(Twice amended) The method of claim ³~~32~~, wherein said one or more growth factors in the culture medium in (b) is selected from the group consisting of acidic fibroblast growth factor, basic fibroblast growth factor, and combinations thereof.

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(Amended) The [composition] method of claim ³⁰~~60~~, wherein said differentiation-inducing conditions are *in vitro*.

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(Amended) The [composition] method of claim ³⁰~~60~~, wherein said differentiation-